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The Evangel and Lighted Pathway have been a great help to me since I joined the Church. The good articles in the Evangel seems to help build up my life and become a part of me.

I have been able to get the Evangel to many persons by dropping copies along the way in people's yards. One lady found a copy in her yard and said she would not take anything for it. May the good Lord continue the good work.

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—REV. P. F. FRITZ

Nashville, Tenn.

The Evangel is the best paper ever published. Why do I know? Because I have been a subscriber for 27 years to this wonderful paper or church book. It, with the precious sermons that it brings to us, is next to my Bible. How I wish I could sit down in your office and tell you what Sister J. L. McCoy's (Riverside, Atlanta, Georgia) sermon "Purifying Sores" has meant to me.

I have been blessed by all the good things the Evangel brings to me.

—MRS. MAY MILOM

Ft. Gay, W. Va.

I am so thankful to God for your work in Him and also the good article on "Fasting and Prayer" by P. F. Taylor. I have been saved since November of 1956 and always knew there was such a thing as fasting; but as far as actually understanding what it was for and how to do it, I was lost and mystified. Thank God for that article. I really learned a lot from it. I have tried to fast a number of times since I have been saved, but without success. This article has given me a new encouragement toward fasting. I thank God that there are still men and women who believe the full-gospel way!

—MRS. PHYLLIS COURTNEY

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# "LORD, IS IT I?"

By JOE LOVIN

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*"And as they did eat, he said, Verily I say unto you, that one of you shall betray me. And they were exceeding sorrowful, and began every one of them to say unto him, Lord, is it I?" Matthew 26:21, 22.*

**T**HE DRAMA AND tenseness of that moment are forever gone, but the question may well be asked again and again by every minister of the gospel. Judas literally sold his own Saviour into the hands of evil men, but an examination of what God's chosen men of this generation are offering the world today will unquestionably reveal that Jesus is being betrayed hundreds of times each week in a much less obvious, though just as true, manner. It would be well for each of us to ask, "Lord, is it I?"

Jesus established the ministry for the purpose of propagating the gospel, and "... it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching (not the preaching of foolishness) to save them that believe" (1 Corinthians 1:21). Throughout the Gospels and the Epistles we have numerous examples of what Christ and His disciples preached. None of them preached vain and foolish sermons to exhibit their dexterity or improve their position among their fellow men. Their message was always of salvation and healing through the cross. To the Jews, who wanted a sign (fanaticism), and the Greeks, who wanted wis-

dom (formalism), the cross was a stumbling block. Paul did not preach to soothe either extreme, but said, "... We preach Christ crucified..." (1 Corinthians 1:23). Herein lies the essence and core of the gospel, and no sermon is complete until Jesus has been made a part of it.

Our pulpits today are overflowing with rebuilt sermons, twisted outlines, powerless discourses, and entertaining stories. The shepherds grow fat and famous while the sheep hunger and die. I wonder what Paul would say if he could hear some of the stuff that is being preached in pulpits today. He who charged Timothy to "preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine" would be ashamed of our gospel, for it is not the power of God unto salvation, but the power of man unto church membership.

A relatively successful evangelist recently conducted a revival at a certain church. After a week had passed hardly any visible results remained. This situation is duplicated many times each year. A member of the church was asked to express himself concerning the meeting. The answer he gave is an indictment of the ministry today. He said that the sermons used by the evangelist were merely strings of tales and foolish speculation, with hardly any Bible in them at all. How can anyone real-

ly be saved and founded on such a feeble base as that? How many burned-out illustrations and far-fetched stories do you suppose Paul used to turn the world upside down in his day?

A seminary professor at a nearby university described the preparation of a message from God as a mixture of "blood, sweat, and tears." One of his young and witty students, holding up a copy of sermon helps and outlines, quickly and loudly remarked, "Maybe blood and tears, but no sweat." This attitude of the ministry towards the message is shamefully hypocritical.

At a recent camp meeting, I noticed a friend of mine glancing through the large selection of books on display. Finally, he decided to purchase a book of sermon outlines. Intending to tease him I asked if that was all he ever bought. To my amazement, he most seriously confided in me that he always bought one good outline book at each annual camp meeting and used it throughout the entire year. After later hearing my friend, on more than one occasion, I conceded that he had been absolutely truthful with me. Perhaps this is an extreme case, but we all need to be careful about building sermons on the sand.

A man who devotes himself to preaching the mighty gospel must surely make applications to contemporary problems and show the ability of God in every time and

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**A**RABIA, AN almost forgotten country, today has a population of 10,000,000. This desert country has less than fifty who openly confess Christ as Saviour. Arabia is the seat of much unrest, the champion of savagery, and the home of superstitions.

Geographically speaking, Arabia is a peninsula in the southwestern corner of Asia. It is surrounded by the Red Sea on the west, the Persian Gulf on the east, the Arabian Sea on the south, and the Mediterranean Sea on the north. The country as a whole is dry and arid; except for a few oases here and there, the country may be considered as "dead."

Though Arabia was not favored with a climate like that of Palestine where Jesus was born, yet it gave the Christian world in the Middle Ages a challenge that history will not easily forget. Mohammedan influence is powerful in the world today. In Russia alone there are over 20,000,000 Mohammedans. In our country, a large Mohammedan mosque has just recently been completed in the heart of Washington, D.C. Furthermore, a public address system was installed on top of the tower, carrying the voice of the muezzin (the Mohammedan spiritual minister) three times a day across the capital of the United States. The sound is heard over the ring of the Catholic bell and over the shout of the angry, disputing politicians; the sound is surely carried over to the many Protestant churches in that city who are giving this group of people little or no attention. Little do they realize that in the hearts of those Mohammedans is a yearning for victory—victory over their enemy, Christ, the Son of God.

To understand the threat of Mohammedanism to the Christian world today, one must fully understand and know the background of Arabia, the religion of Islam, and Mohammed himself.

Arabia before Mohammed was divided into two parts: the Bedouins who were the nomadic tribes of the interior, and the Dwellers who lived in small cities and towns. Politically speaking, a whole Ara-

bian government was absent.

The religious life of Arabia before the coming of Mohammed was varied from idolatry and clan devotion (worship of own tribe), to monotheism and the worship of "the spirit in the rocks." The Kaaba, a black stone that fell from the heavens, held a very distinct place in the worship. The Kaaba was placed in Mecca, one of the largest cities of Arabia, and many people visited that place yearly. The Arabs had a great fear and respect for demonic spirits which they called "gin." Besides the idol worshippers, there were some Jews in Arabia who had moved there after the destruction of Jerusalem, and a few Christians scattered here and there.

The social life of Arabia before Mohammed was rather dull. The women had no place in society. The man was the head of his home; what he wished came to pass. Old customs and habits took the upper hand in rearing the children. Many times family affairs were settled on the traditional basis.

This was the life of Arabia before the coming of Mohammed. One can term life in the pre-Islamic age as "anarchial." While Arabia itself was weak from the inside, the Christian provinces on the borders of Arabia were greatly weakened by inward struggles. From the fourth century on, the Eastern Empire, (a part of the Holy Roman Empire), was torn with theological differences. One side was arguing that Jesus had one nature only, while the other side insisted that Jesus had two natures. All these theological arguments helped to bring a clash within the Christian world. A church full of strife, jealousy, hatred, debate, and division was the one Mohammedanism met when it started.

#### MOHAMMED

Mohammed was born in 510 A.D. His parents died while he was yet an infant. He was then taken care of by his grandfather and, later on, by his uncle. He suffered from epileptic attacks. He had vivid imagination, a superstitious mind, and a melancholy mood. He believed in demonic power and dreams.

# The Challenge of Islam

By DAVID SULEIMAN

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As a youth, Mohammed visited the desert and learned the customs of the Bedouins (those who lived in the desert and had no permanent dwelling place). He took many long trips with the traders to Syria, south Arabia, and possibly Egypt.

When Mohammed reached manhood, he was medium height with a large head, a prominent nose, a well-separated set of teeth, and black eyes. He was fond of baths and sweet-smelling perfumes. He had no education at all. It has been denied that he could either write or read the Arabic language. What he knew about religion came from other people. When Mohammed began his career as a prophet, he was sincerely looking for something that would satisfy the needs of his hungry soul. Christianity with all its divisions failed to give him the answer. In the midst of his search, he came out with a new religion.

Nearly every religion in the world today has once upon a time started on the basis of an honest, sincere search for "the right." Today, as ever, many people are looking for something that will satisfy their needs, and if we are not ready to give them the right answer, they will be led in their despair to untrue doctrines and teachings. Friend, the Church has failed in the past. As we have seen, the Christian world was too busy fighting within itself. Consequently, Islam flourished.

There are two legends concerning Mohammed's call:

1. During periods when Mohammed would fast and pray, the angel Gabriel supposedly would come down from heaven and talk to him. Although he was sincere, Mohammed's revelation came from epileptic fits. During his struggle with his sickness, he heard voices. He gradually came to the place where these visions and ideas matured in his mind, and eventually developed into what he thought was an inspiration. Whether or not his visions and imaginations were real to others, they were real to him. Mohammed advocated that Allah, as he called God, is the only

God. This was a welcome doctrine to Christians who were falsely taught that there were three Gods. His convictions were strong enough to revolutionize three continents. Mohammed always received a revelation when he got into a tight spot.

2. Mohammed misunderstood the Greek translation of the word, "Comforter" for the Holy Spirit. He thought that the Comforter of whom Jesus spoke meant the other Greek word which is to be translated "The Praise;" consequently, as the word "Mohammed" also means "the praise," he thought that he was the one to succeed Christ. (Every Christian should be glad that the Comforter was not Mohammed, a man, but the Holy Spirit. The Greek word "parakletos" means "The Comforter." The Greek word "perikluptos" means "The Praise.")

#### THE MESSAGE OF MOHAMMED

Following is a list of the sources from which Mohammed received his inspiration.

1. Christianity
2. Judaism
3. Zoroastrianism
4. Pre-Islamic religion of worshipping Idols
5. Mohammed's mental and physical make-up
6. His wife
7. Satanic inspiration
8. Mohammed's personal ambition

Mohammed made a few requirements of his followers. These requirements are called the five pillars of Islam. Islam, which literally means complete surrender, is another term for Mohammedanism. A follower of Mohammed would be called a Moslem.

#### THE FIVE PILLARS OF ISLAM

1. *The Confession Creed*: "I believe in God, his angels, his prophets; in the last days, in the predestination (fatalism) by the most high God of good and evil, and in the resurrection of the dead." This creed, every Moslem had to learn by heart.

*The Kalima Creed*: "I believe there is no God but Allah (God), and Mohammed is his prophet."

2. *Prayer*: Every good Moslem prays five times a day facing Mecca, a city sacred to them.
  - a. At dawn, before sunrise
  - b. Soon after midday
  - c. Mid-afternoon
  - d. Soon after sunset
  - e. After nightfall

The most common prayer is the first Surah from the *Koran* the holy book of Islam. Before prayer, the individual washes himself. Their sacred day is Friday.

3. *Fasting*: During the month of Ramadan, they fast from dawn to sunset without water for the whole month, but they can eat all night if they want to eat. Another fast occurs on the tenth of the month of Muharrem. These months are according to the Arabic calendar.

4. *The Giving of Alms*: The giving of alms in Islam is a poor tax. A man who is poor need not give.

5. *The Pilgrimages*: All believers should make a pilgrimage to Mecca at least once in a lifetime. The Moslems worship the Kaaba, a black stone which they say was originally white. They claim that this stone fell from heaven when God created the world; the place where the stone fell is the center of the universe. Many things happen on a pilgrimage to Mecca.

#### THE KORAN

The *Koran*, the holy book of Islam, contains Mohammedan theology, moral instructions, ordinances, and material for civil and criminal law. Mohammed claims that the *Koran* was inspired by God and His angels. The *Koran* was not written during the life of Mohammed, but many portions were recited, and the whole book was combined a few years after the prophet's death.

Islam's theology is blessed with a lot of inconsistency. It teaches definite fatalism and places much emphasis on tradition. Islam up-

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# The Task of the Sunday School

By JAMES DeFOREST MURCH  
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**M**R. D. CAMPBELL Wycoff professor of Christian Education in Princeton Theological Seminary, in his provocative new book, *The Gospel and Christian Education*, speaks of the ministry of teaching in communicating the Gospel. He states that Christian education has the task of freeing the individual from his "tragic bondage to self, society and culture" and helping him become "a free person, by God's Spirit, through his response in complete devotion to Jesus Christ." The business of getting the response of the

individual to the claims of the Gospel should be the first aim of the Sunday School teacher.

Evangelicals have always believed that the purpose of the Sunday School is to "win souls to Christ, teaching them the Word of God, and training them for Christian character and service." They took their cue from the Great Commission in which our Lord said, "Go ye . . . teach all nations . . . baptizing them . . . teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you."

Evangelical churches secure most

of their members through active Sunday School endeavor. Surveys have shown that fifty-five per cent of conversions and new members recorded each year have a background of teaching and training in the Sunday School.

But we have not touched the "hem of the garment" of the task before us. We who have this conviction should work harder today than ever before because the needs are greater.

It is said that 17,000,000 boys and girls in America, four to eighteen years of age, never darken the door of the church. From this sector of our population come the potential and actual gunmen, racketeers, kidnappers, murderers, thieves, and other criminals who terrorize our nation. Judges testify that ninety-seven per cent of the youths convicted of crime have never been in Sunday School. This moral situation should motivate us to greater evangelistic action.

But further than this, we are confronted with the appalling fact  
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**M**R. G. L. FIELDER, a businessman in West Palm Beach, Florida, is superintendent of a newly established Sunday School in that city. One Sunday morning when he arrived at the building where the school met, he was greeted by a sturdy little fellow of about 8 years, leading two other children; faces washed and clothes neat.

"Are you the preacher?" asked the young leader. Mr. Fielder said, "no," but that he was superintendent of the Sunday School. "Well," declared the youngster, "we want to enlist."

Never before have there been as many children as today. For more than a decade the birth rate has boomed to four million a year in the United States alone. This population explosion, as it is called, is world-wide. The public schools have been adding to their classrooms at an amazing rate in an effort to keep up with the boom. As the tide of newcomers advances, the colleges are acting to meet the emergency.

## "Sir, We Want to Enlist"

By GUY P. LEAVITT,  
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Along with the rapidly growing population is another development that is causing concern. The U.S. Census Bureau tells us that one family in five moves every year.

Another federal agency, the Department of Justice, adds some alarming information. Crime is increasing at a rate never before equalled in the history of the nation. That is bad enough, but an even more alarming fact is that a high percentage of this crime is committed by juveniles.

America, like every other country in the world, faces an emergency. The question is: What can be done to meet the problem of a rapidly expanding population, uprooted from the conventional influences of well established community life, at a time when the fate of civilization hangs in the balance? En-

listing youth in a program of higher scientific education may be one answer. Stricter laws may be another. Adding to the military and police forces of state and nation, stock-piling missiles and bombs, and making international arrangements in the field of diplomacy may help.

All will agree, however, that these are not enough. More is needed. "Righteousness exalteth a nation; but sin is a reproach to any people," said the wise man of God. Congress recently added to the salute to the Stars and Stripes the phrase saying we are one nation "under God." Our national motto, now appearing on our currency and diplomatic letterheads as well as upon our coins, says, "In God We Trust." But do we?

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# The Unchanging Authority

By DR. HERBERT S. MEKEEL

N. A. E. President

**H**OW DID THE world begin? All through the centuries men have speculated as to its cause. One taught that all life was derived from salt water alone. Others affirmed that air, fire, water and earth were the basic elements of life. Such views are utterly primitive compared with modern nuclear physics. All fields of human knowledge have expanded vastly over the centuries, but particularly at a phenomenal pace in the last several hundred years. No longer can any one man be master of every field of learning. Thus people become restless, feeling that all is change and nothing remains permanent and lasting. One exception stands. Religion itself has not proved indifferent to the changes in human knowledge. So much has been added to our knowledge of religion that here also men affirm there is nothing stable or lasting. Yet despite modern research not a single principle or so-called revelation has reached beyond anything that our Lord taught. He is ahead of all others. His Word lasts, and the Bible stands firm today despite all the multitudinous attacks upon it, because it centers in Him. Our Lord speaking of the Old Testament Scriptures said, "Search the Scriptures, for these are they that testify of me." The New Testament is wholly absorbed in Christ, the Mighty Word of God.

For this reason the National Association of Evangelicals was established in 1942. Its purpose is to serve as a fellowship, to include all those who love our Saviour and are

devoted to the cause of the historic Christian faith. The members of NAE believe the Bible as the final and unchanging authority for all men in matters of faith and doctrine. Fellowship is not only in creed and conduct as individuals, but also in joint witness and public effort, but care is taken never to coerce individuals, churches or denominations. Thus the gospel is defended at home in America and abroad.

Consider some of the record of NAE. In recent months in answer to prayer there have been increased opportunities for gospel service in many areas of the country. Men from evangelical churches have held retreats in Japan and Korea. Plans have been made for church extension at home. Persecution of Protestants in Greece has been protested successfully. Plans have been laid for evangelical services in our national parks. Passports, visas and purchasing for outgoing missionaries have been expedited. An aggressive campaign is beginning against obscene literature. Relief, especially to a larger extent in India and Hong Kong, has grown greatly through the work of the World Relief Commission. These are a few of the many things which have happened this past year in the work of the National Association of Evangelicals.

It is fitting, therefore, once a year that the NAE should call to the attention of believing Christians its work abroad and at home. The week of October 18-25 is designated for the work of the organization and in particular on

Sunday, October 25, it is appropriate on Reformation Day to remind our people of the need of standing for the same faith for which our fathers fought in times past. Materials for the observance of NAE Week may be ordered from the National Association of Evangelicals, Wheaton, Illinois.

## War Orphans Education in a Nutshell

### Who's Eligible?

Sons and daughters of certain deceased war veterans, generally between 18 and 23 years old.

### How Much Schooling?

Up to 36 months.

### How Much of an Allowance?

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### How to Apply?

Visit or write your nearest VA office for application form.

For further information, write the Registrar, Lee College, Cleveland, Tennessee, or contact your closest Veteran's Administration Regional Office.

# Cleanse Ye the Temple

By RALPH E. NORTHRUP

"Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are . . . WHAT? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? . . . And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people," 1 Corinthians 3:16, 17; 6:19; 2 Corinthians 6:16.

"Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, LET US CLEANSE OURSELVES from ALL filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of (the Lord) God," 2 Corinthians 7:1.

SATAN IS VERY busy, much more so today than ever before. His ministering horde of demons is out to deceive the very elect of God, if they possibly can (Matthew 24:24); therefore, we need to put on the whole armor of God; and above all we need to hold up the shield of faith (Ephesians 6:11, 16)—keeping it on and holding it up continuously.

Christians, because of their neglect in studying God's Holy Word and in praying in earnestness from the heart, are being deceived. They have begun to justify themselves in the use of many things, and in deeds which, when considered in the light of the gospel of Jesus Christ and true science, are destructive and defiling to both body and soul and are an abomination to God.

Fornication, adultery, covetousness, foolish talking, jesting which are not convenient, idolatry, hatred, malice, envy, strife, backbiting, tale-bearing, and lasciviousness, are among the unfruitful works of darkness—works of the flesh—that should not be and which Paul told the Corinthians and all followers of the Lord; "let us cleanse ourselves" from. Believe it or not, many professed Christians—and even preachers—are justifying themselves in some of these acts, and even in the use of tobacco and liquor, still claiming the operation of the Holy Ghost in their lives and that they have the victory.

Their profession bears examination under the penetrating power of the Sword of the Spirit, the

Word of God, so let us look into God's Word, and consider common sense and medical science along with God's Word and see and know the truth:

Medical science proves that the use of liquor or tobacco is injurious and defiling; so whether the names of these narcotics are mentioned in the Bible, or not, God constantly warns us against defiling the temple of God, which is the body, in both the Old and New Testaments.

In Paul's letter to the Romans, chapter 14, verse 21, he writes: "It is good neither to eat flesh, nor to drink wine, nor *any thing* whereby thy brother stumbleth, or is offended, or is *made weak*."

Proverbs 20:1 reads, "Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging; and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise." Proverbs 23:29-33 continues with what God thinks about it, "Who hath WOE? who hath SORROW? who hath CONTENTIONS? who hath BABBLING? who hath WOUNDS without cause? who hath REDNESS OF EYES? They that tarry long at the wine; they that go to seek mixed wine. Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his colour in the cup, when it moveth itself aright. At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder. Thine eyes shall behold strange women (lewd women), and thine heart shall utter perverse things."

Even though some professed Christians have heard this and read it, they still declare there is no great harm in taking a little drink of wine or whisky now and then. They compare this sin with the sin of adultery, fornication, or lying, or backbiting, etc., endeavoring to justify themselves by saying drinking is not as bad, not realizing or stopping to think that one sin does not justify another and that all sin is destructive and defiling to both body and soul, and is able to cut one off from the promises of God forever. Paul writes to the Ephesians in chapter 5, verse 18, saying, "And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the spirit."

Here are some statistics and medical discoveries. In a report



from Washington, D.C., these facts were given: 15 billion dollars of our annual national income goes into the garbage can in the form of purchases of liquors, narcotics, tobacco, sex magazines and gambling—luxuries that undermine health, undermine character, endanger lives, destroy the abilities and capabilities of our people. Just think of this: 600 billion dollars is spent annually for cigars, 800 billion dollars for chewing tobacco, and over a million dollars for cigarettes. The total amount of the above mentioned figures would certainly furnish help to many a missionary in the homeland and abroad and supply the need of many a Full Gospel Church, which would restore, instead of destroy.

According to the Anti-Cigarette League, the Camel Cigarette Company set aside nearly a hundred million dollars for advertising by radio, billboards, and the press, aiming expressly at the youth and the women of our land. God help the church to wake up, to arise and gird herself to declare righteousness through the printed page, the radio, and every medium possible under the favor of God and to live separated lives for Christ. Let us put off every weight that hinders, put on our beautiful garment (Isaiah 52:1), and make ourselves ready. NOTE: Revelation 19:7, 8: "Let us be glad and rejoice and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife (the Church) hath made herself ready. And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints." Yes, cleanse ye the temple: "Let us cleanse ourselves."

One and a half million young girls in America sell whisky and beer in public places, cafes, taverns, and 62 per cent of all Americans, 16 to 24 years of age, drink liquor. America has over seven million alcoholics, 48 million occasional drinkers; and out of 35 million engaged in American industry, two million are alcoholics—80 per cent under 50 years of age, 25 per cent under 35; sum-total, 50 million liquor drinkers in the USA, and two million dope addicts. The

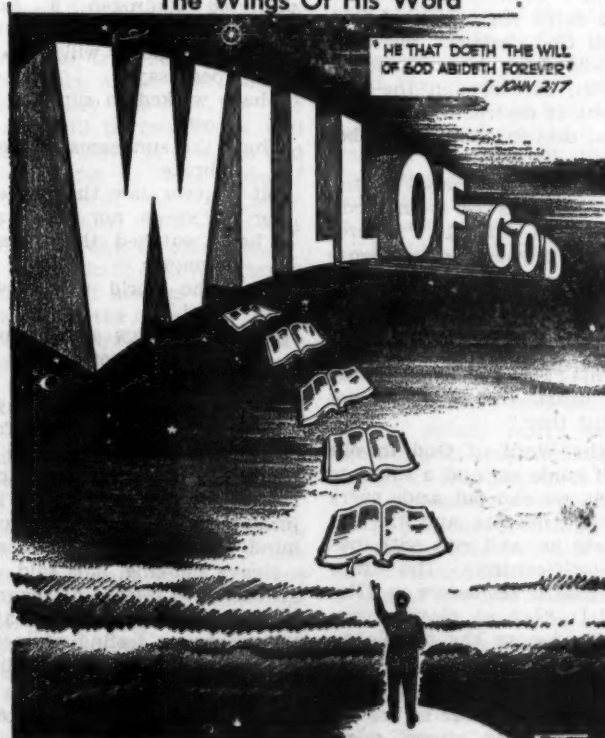
United States spends 9 million dollars a day for liquors. The women of America use 68 per cent of all tobacco sold: two out of every five women smoke; three out of every four men smoke, and many of these are members of some church, and some are officers and deacons of the church. Isn't that a sad picture? Two billion and seven hundred million dollars is spent for tobacco in one year in the USA, and Americans smoke one billion cigarettes a day.

Over 12 million persons in the USA are afflicted with social diseases, and 1½ million new cases develop each year. Ten million people are suffering from mental disorders, and many of these are directly and indirectly a result of the use of dope and liquor. Fifty-six per cent of the nation's crimes are committed by youth 11 to 13 years of age simply because many of their parents are too busy drinking and carousing to take care of

them. They have no control over their children. They let them roam the streets and fare the best they can, night and day. Then we have professed Christians who say that a little "nip" or a "puff" now and then is no harm. Reports from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, indicate "Goofball" parties often turn into sex orgies, using benzadrine drugs, resulting in the pregnancy of small teen-age girls, robberies and dope addiction." Washington, D. C.: "Teen-agers freely buying liquor, drinking in lavatories and dark places. Purse snatching increasing to help buy more liquor and dope from peddlers."

The practice of having pay checks cashed in taverns adds 10 to 25 million dollars a month to the nation's liquor bill. The National Traffic Fatality Report reveals that 60 per cent of all auto fatalities are due to liquor and folk trying to light their pipes, cigars or cigarettes while driving.

## The Wings Of His Word



You may say, "Well, you've already said enough to convince me it is unclean and filthy, but let us view a few more facts.

Beer, wine, and whisky, chemists and medical science reveal, contain a great part of ethyl alcohol which attacks the nervous system of the body. It puts nerves to sleep, is an anesthetic, a depressant, not a stimulant as so many are falsely led to believe. Narcotic comes from the Greek word meaning "to numb." Ether is made of two molecules of ethyl alcohol, less one molecule of water. Add bleaching powder to this formula and you have the anesthetic chloroform. Dr. Haven Emerson, professor of Public Health, Columbia University, stated: "Alcohol is a depressant, habit forming drug; a protoplasmic poison; a cause of disease and death; reduces accuracy and endurance of muscular action; deteriorates judgment and self-control. Alcohol injures the heart, the stomach, the kidneys and the eyes. Truly, this fact confirms the Word of God in 1 Corinthians 3:17: "If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy." Not by a thunderbolt from heaven, nor a mailed fist, but through the very instrument of destruction that the individual uses in continued unbelief.

You may say, "How may I cleanse myself?" The answer is in God's Word—Psalm 119:9-11, "Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word. With my whole heart have I sought thee: O let me not wander from thy commandments. Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee."

With the Word of God in our hearts to guide us, and a mind to practice it, we can put aside every weight that hinders and the sin that besets us, and run with patience (self-control) the race (course) that is set before us (Hebrews 12:1) "Let us cleanse ourselves." Cleanse ye the temple.

Let us examine a few facts concerning tobacco. Though the word tobacco does not appear in the Bible like wine and strong drink do, and so many stumble over

that fact, but here we will prove that it is filthy, unclean, defiling, and therefore, falls under what the Bible says about, "cleansing ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit." The Bible also warns us not to be deceived by Satan's devices or taken in his snares.

Common sense would ask us, "Why use tobacco in any form? It takes time to prepare to use it; it befouls the air everyone breathes and contaminates the clothing you wear; it burns up money; it hinders work, weakens the heart, is a waste; it's not a food, but a drug, it's offensive; and when you get real sick, you certainly don't want it around you, so why use it when you're well. Paul said, in Romans 14:21, ". . . nor any thing whereby thy brother stumbleth, or is offended, or is made weak."

Tobacco contains nine deadly poisons: 1. Nicotine, 2. Pyridine, 3. Ammonia, 4. Prussic Acid, 5. Collidine (in the paper), 6. Furfural, 7. Carbon Monoxide, 8. Sulphureted Hydrogen, 9. Acrolein. The empyrematic oil in the blood of a cigarette smoker will kill a leach.

The poet says:  
"I have walked in summer meadows,  
Where the sunbeams flashed and broke,  
But I never saw the cattle,  
Nor the sheep, nor horses smoke.  
I have watched the birds with wonder,  
When the world with dew was wet,  
But I never saw a robin puffing  
on a cigarette."

Dr. Stevens, eminent physician and specialist stated: "Tobacco impairs the functions of the brain, clouds the understanding, and enfeebles the memory. It is injurious to every faculty of the mind, and ruinous to the intellect."

Heavy smoking, it is said, causes an excessive release of sugar from the liver and the muscles that gives the smoker a feeling of increased energy; but then comes the lag, and a feeling of depression which is relieved by taking another smoke, thus habit forms and you're chained.

Stomach and mouth ulcers, cancers and hardening of the arteries are more or less caused by the use of tobacco, and cases of this type are flooding our already overcrowded hospitals.

Dr. Harvey W. Wiley said: "I can see only one thing tobacco is good for, and that is this: a decoction of tobacco is speedy death to lice and ticks, and makes an ideal dip for pigs and poultry."

If we just must have to have a little wine, a little whisky, a smoke, a dip, or a chew of tobacco, we plainly testify against ourselves that we are idol worshippers. We make the desire our idol and love it more than we do God, or else we would willingly want to give it up. God's Word says, "And what agreement hath the temple of God (your body) with idols?" 2 Corinthians 6:16.

The Apostle John tells us in 1 John 2:1, "My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous." John 8:36 reads: "If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed." Also 2 Corinthians 5:17 reads: "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature (creation): old things are passed away; behold, *all things* are become new."

God is not a respecter of persons, nor can we be in Christ and say we are free, and still be bound by a habit that is defiling, unclean and filthy; for when the Lord saves, He saves from the guttermost, to the uppermost, to the uttermost; He does not whitewash, but washes white, and cleanses us from the inside out.

When we say, or teach that He takes away the desire for these things from some but leaves others to linger awhile, months and years, in these old desires and still be as much a Christian as those who are delivered from such at the time of their new birth, we make God a respecter of persons and a liar. I found that after I was saved, born-again, I can smoke as much as I want to, drink as much liquor as I want to, go to shows as much as I want to, and to dance halls, etc., as much as I want to; for the

want to is not there any more; the desire for those things is gone (old things are passed away), Hallelujah, and we truly don't want to; we're free from Egypt's bondage. Praise God!

I was bound by the liquor and tobacco habit for 10 years and 18 years respectively, often smoking three packages of cigarettes a day, chewing tobacco, and alternating by smoking a pipe or a cigar—I had a regular tobacco worm, figuratively speaking, and was almost pickled in alcohol—but when I surrendered my heart to Jesus at an old-fashioned altar bench in a church in Portland, Oregon, Jesus came in, and the devil did depart. God cleansed my temple completely—soul, heart and body. I arose from my knees a new creature and found to my utmost joy that the old desires were gone; I was free, free, FREE! O' what joy in my soul! I went back to my apartment, about 17 blocks, from the church that night, so happy, and the first thing I did was to get rid of all my former idols. I destroyed my pipes, cigarettes and cigars; I swept the floor and got rid of all cigarette butts—even the old ashes, destroying all the ash trays, etc. Then I praised the Lord some more, weeping and shouting for joy. Oh, it felt so good to be free, and I've been free ever since, not desiring the old things, but forgetting the things which are behind and pressing toward the goal and the mark, continuing to practice self control for Jesus and hating the things I once loved and thought I could never do without. "He is the same yesterday, today and for ever." He never changes, and He is able to keep us from falling if we place our hand in His nail-scarred hand and are willing to be led by His Spirit.

Christ is our example and our guide; He is "the way, the truth, and the life," John 14:6. If you can prove by the Bible and history (we are assured that you cannot) that Christ Jesus, the Son of the Living God, walked the shores of Gallilee intoxicated on wine and strong drink, vomited on himself and on others while He taught them about His heavenly Father and the way of true life; ran

around with strange (lewd) women, chewed tobacco, dipped snuff, smoked cigars and cigarettes, and spit out the tobacco juice between His teeth ever so often while He was teaching, splattering the ground all about him and others, drooling some of the brown amber down His chin and letting it drip onto His robe (like many do today and still profess to be Christians); if you can prove that while He was laying hands on the sick and opening the eyes of the blind, Jesus took a drink of whisky or fermented wine to add to His strength or took another chew, or that when it was all over and He was tired and weary, He relaxed on the ground and took another nip out of a half empty bottle or took a few puffs on a strong, vile smelling pipe to whet up His nerves, before He prayed and before He cast out any more devils (demons), then I say you are justified in the use of either, and all us true, overcoming Christians have been badly deceived, and the Lord must have done us an injury in delivering us from these filthy habits. This is a bit of satire, but if you will note the truth of true reasoning, you will certainly agree that anyone who says they can use the vile stuff and still be free and a real Christian certainly is deceived and condemned, for by their unbelief in God's Word, they are condemned already, and are only awaiting the day of execution.

You say, I don't believe it would keep me out of heaven. What does God say about the unbeliever? Revelation 21:8 says—"But the fearful, and unbelieving . . . (afraid of what friends and relatives might think) . . . shall have their part (with the liars and all the rest of the ungodly) in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death."

This doesn't sound like heaven to me; does it to you? God help your unbelief and grant you a penitent heart and a voice to cry out to God for mercy and pardon before it is too late, if you are guilty of justifying yourself. Then call upon the Lord and "cleanse ye yourselves." Cleanse the temple; put away from you these things and the Lord will deliver you from all desires.

The overcoming Christian is not one who sees how close he can come to sin without sinning, but is the one that separates himself as far from sin as possible.

"He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son," Revelation 21:7.

"Cleanse ye yourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit." Not only tobacco and strong drink, but also, stop lying to one another; put unbelief, fear of man, hatred, malice, envy, adultery, fornication, idolatry, anger, foolish talking, evil surmising, back-biting tale-bearing, withholding your tithes and offerings (thievery), a critical spirit, etc., from you. "CLEANSE YE THE TEMPLE."

"For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church," Ephesians 5:29. Yes, we are only going to be presented without "spot or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish."

Friends and brethren, Jesus is holy and clean and He walked thus while on earth; so "let us cleanse ourselves." ". . . As Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; That he might sanctify (separate) and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word," Ephesians 5:25, 26. Yes, "Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith," Hebrews 12:2. "CLEANSE YE THE TEMPLE."



## "LORD, IS IT I?"

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age to satisfy man's needs, but those applications should always be based on the Scriptures.

The preacher who spends hours reading sermon outlines and illustrations and only a few minutes in prayer and Bible study may have a greater response immediately, but the man of God who studies the Word earnestly, struggles in prayer for inspiration and power, and yields to the coaching of the Holy Ghost in preparation for a message from God will find eternal jewels in his heavenly crown.



Every minister should frequently examine his attitudes and motives. Is our task the most important thing in the world, or is it merely a sideline? Do the faces in our congregations merely represent tithe-payers and voters at the next preacher election, or do they represent the lost, sick, weak, and dying sheep in God's fold, over which we have been made overseers? Do our sermons merely entertain the people and win their praises, or do they lift up Jesus Christ to a lost and dying world? Jesus predicted betrayal among His first twelve disciples nearly two thousand years ago. Are some still betraying Him today? Let us examine our pulpits sincerely and ask, "Lord, is it I?"



## THE CHALLENGE OF ISLAM

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holds the belief in angels; yet they are not to be worshipped. The *Koran* gives the signs for the approach of the last days.

### THE SIGNS OF THE LAST DAYS

1. Declining in Faith.
2. Usurpation of high places by unworthy people.
3. Increase in immorality.
4. Famine, plague, and many sorts of afflictions in the world.
5. The coming of the anti-Christ.
6. Second advent of Jesus. Slay the anti-Christ, pray the ritual prayer taught by Mohammed, and break the cross.
7. Period of prosperity.
8. Rising of the sun in the West.
9. The destruction of the Kaaba.
10. Disappearance of the *Koran* from writing and memory. Islam teaches the possibility of the disappearance of the *Koran*. Christians should rejoice because that the Word of God "standeth forever."
11. Universal apostacy.

12. Two blasts of trumpets which will be a period of four years. At the time of the second blast, men will receive their bodies and assemble for the judgment.

13. God will come with His angels and all men will appear before Him.

14. The books will be opened and the deeds of men will be weighed in the balance.

How this differs from what the Bible teaches on the subject! Furthermore, Moslems believe that when Jesus returns, he will marry, die, and be buried. His task while here will be to convert the people to Islam!

Islam flourished greatly in the years after the prophet's death. The Moslems controlled all of Arabia, parts of Asia, a portion of Africa, and even invaded Europe to as far as Spain. In Spain, which for a while was the seat of the Islamic kingdom, the Mohammedans progressed in almost all fields. They led the world in the study of medicine, and pioneered the way in astronomy and mathematics, giving us the zero and the Arabic numerical numbers.

In 638 A.D., the Mohammedans took Jerusalem from the hands of the old Roman Empire, as well as completed their conquest of Syria. In 641 the Arabs destroyed the kingdom of Persia.

The years 750-1100 A.D. mark the reign of the Abbasids, a political sect who greatly contributed to the culture of that era. This was called the Golden Age of the Islamic rule. Bagdad became the capital of the Mohammedan kingdom.

It is very obvious that a people or a nation that once ruled most of the world will not easily vanish out of the picture. These Mohammedans are looking for an opportunity to conquer the world for their faith. Their motto is, "The whole world for Islam." They believe that if one dies fighting for the faith, he will automatically receive his reward in heaven. The reward will be beautiful women, flowery gardens, and attractive mansions. (What a delusion!)

## THE SOCIAL CHALLENGE IN ISLAM!

We must remember that in Islam the Klan and family ties are very strong. If a man is turned out of Islam, then, he is turned out of the family. There is a great deal of persecution that goes along with turning away from Islam.

Many of the Mohammedans believe that the teaching of the New Testament are too high for one to conform to, so they say that God Islam is the easy way to heaven.

To argue with a Mohammedan is futile. To every question the Mohammedan has an answer. The only thing that will convince the Mohammedan is the operation of the Holy Spirit.

In conclusion, I think it will be of great importance to notice what Mohammed thought of Jesus.

Although, the name of Jesus was mentioned in the *Koran*, yet seldom was he called "Christ." We also notice that whenever Jesus was mentioned, his name was followed by the words, "Son of Mary."

Mohammed had a very obscure picture of Jesus; his knowledge of Him was limited to a very small area of thought. Being unable to read or write, Mohammed's acquirement of knowledge was made up of story tellers, poets, traveling merchants, etc. So, considering these facts, it is very easy to understand why Mohammed had such a vague and hazy picture about Jesus.

There are five different outstanding views about Jesus in the *Koran*:

1. Mohammed acknowledges the fact that Jesus was sent from God and was supported by the Holy Spirit.
2. Mohammed classifies Jesus with the rest of the prophets, making no distinctions.
3. Mohammed stresses the fact that God has not a son.
4. Mohammed denies the trinity and condemns believers in this doctrine.
5. The *Koran* denies that the Messiah is God.

Dear Reader: Here is a challenge for every one of us. Three hundred and eighty million people are followers of the Mohammedan

faith. Many of them do not have the chance to know about the saving grace that Jesus has brought.

After reading these facts, do you still feel that the Mission Offering is a burden? Can you honestly say that you are helping in God's program to reach these people? May God talk to you as you lay this booklet aside, and may the Holy Spirit inspire you to work more in winning others to the fold.

## THE TASK OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

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that half the population in America makes no pretense of Christian commitment. Half of the other half are either in the grip of false religions or are such nominal Christians that they know nothing of the "new birth." These multiplied millions are lost and are without the hope of heaven unless we teach them and win them to unwitholding response to Jesus Christ and Lord.

The Sunday Schools of America have the means in their trained teachers, their Bible Classes, and their organized workers to go out in "the highways and byways" and reach the unreached for Christ. Their thrust into the "fields white unto harvest" can be even more effective than mass evangelism. There may be little glamour and no big headlines, but the recording angel by heaven's gate will recognize the work done and they can have the satisfaction of knowing that they are doing the greatest work in the world.

Of course, the task cannot be accomplished without prayer. One great reason the apostolic church was such a great soul-winning church was its power in prayer. Every member of the Sunday School from the superintendent down to the lowliest member of the smallest Bible class should have a personal prayer list, remember prospects in prayer, and ask the guidance of the Holy Spirit in teaching the Word in personal visits and in persuading individuals to

make their decisions for Christ. If we are not weary in well-doing we shall "shine as the stars of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars forever and ever."

## "SIR, WE WANT TO ENLIST"

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Someone has estimated that 2 out of 3 children under age 12 in the U.S. receive no religious instruction of any kind. For youth, the ratio is even more discouraging; 3 out of 4 are said to be without religious instruction. As for adults, they are at the summit in

spiritual ignorance, with only 1 in 7 receiving any religious instruction of any kind.

"Sir, we want to enlist," said the boy to Mr. Fielder. "Sirs, we want to enlist," say the children, the youth and the adults of America. They are here, available and ready to enlist for spiritual instruction, if we will but take the advantage of the opportunity and win them for Sunday School. Everyone knows the importance of religious training. The Sunday Schools, manned by three million consecrated teachers and officers, are ready and waiting.

National Sunday School Week offers opportunity to encourage and support them. "Millions for Christ through the Sunday School!"



Pray that God will save my 3 boys and fill them with the Holy Ghost.

—Sister Irene Cole  
622 E. Rosedale  
Tyler, Texas

Pray for the healing of my body.

—Euline Lee  
Rt. 2  
Decatur, Ala.

Pray that the Lord will touch my body so that I will be able to attend church again soon.

—Mrs. Amanda Johnson  
Madison, Fla.

Pray for some very serious unspoken requests. God knows the need.

—A sister in the Lord

Pray for the healing of my 10-year-old grandson and for the salvation of his parents.

—Mrs. Criss Chubb  
Rt. 3  
Sullivan, Ind.

Pray for the healing of my body.

—Hattie Mae Jones  
McRae, Ga.

Pray for a very special unspoken request. Also pray for my mother.

—A sister in Christ

Pray for the healing of my wife. The doctors want to operate, but we feel that God can heal her. Please pray.

—Herman Broxson  
Rt. 2, Box 190  
Geneva, Ala.

Pray for the healing of my daughter-in-law. Also pray for my son that his needs will be supplied.

—Mrs. Pearl Wood  
Rt. 1  
Walhalla, S. C.

Pray that God will heal my daughter.

—Sister Rosa New  
Mt. Airy, N. C.

Pray that God will heal my son, daughter, and me, and that He will be with me and my family.

—Mrs. R. I. Williams  
Rt. 1, Box 514  
Ft. Myers, Fla.

Pray for a very special request.

—A friend in Him

Pray for the healing of our little boy who has an incurable disease.

—Mrs. Don Fisher  
New Smyrna Beach, Fla.

Pray for an urgent unspoken request and that God will heal my daughter of a nervous condition.

—A sister in Christ



# testimonies

## Healed by Power of God

BATON ROUGE, La.—I want to thank and praise God for what He has done for me. I had been sick for almost 3 months and had gotten so weak that I couldn't walk without someone helping me. The doctor didn't know what was wrong with me. While I was in the hospital, a Church of God member brought me the *Evangel* and I read the testimonies. I prayed and asked God to heal me and told Him I would write my testimony. God reached down and touched my body, for right then I began to improve and walk without help. The doctors took X rays and ran all kinds of tests and couldn't find anything wrong with me. Praise His wonderful name! I would like for you all to pray for me that God would supply my need as I am a widow and not able to work.

Pray that God will have His way in my life. —Mrs. Lizzie Raney

## Healed of Gall Bladder Trouble

BASTROP, La.—I have been having gall bladder trouble for some time; in fact, for about 10 years. I grew worse and finally got so nervous I could hardly visit. When I preached on Sunday and Sunday night, I would be extremely nervous for two or three days afterward. I began to read my Bible every morning on my knees in my study. After praying about a month, I was reading Brother Oral Roberts' magazine on the subject that it was not possible for God to lie. I put the paper down and went to the church and got before God in earnest prayer, and God healed my body. Through reading and prayer, God showed me there would be more healings if we had real compassion for others, like Jesus had. When He saw the people maimed, blind and halt, He was moved with compassion toward them. Luke said, "He healed them

all." Healing is the children's bread and should be right in the church where you worship.

I would like to say to all who read this, that if you are suffering, start reading the four Gospels and start praying in earnest, and God will hear your prayers. I had gone about as far as I could, and the Lord came in His mighty power and healed me. Bless His holy name!

—Rev. C. W. Kendall

## Instantly Healed of Stomach Trouble

MONROE, La.—I want to thank God for healing me of a severe hurting in my stomach. I had suffered for a long time, and doctors never could find the trouble. On the eve of more tests and X rays, I told the Lord that if He would heal me of this, I would testify through the *Evangel*. The hurting left me completely before I ever got to the doctor, and it has never returned. God did the work, and I want to give Him the praise. I also believe the Lord has healed me of sugar diabetes which the doctor said I had.

—Odell Anderson

## God Still Heals Today

PARRISH, Ala.—I really get a blessing from reading the *Evangel*, and I want to send in my testimony. The Lord has been wonderful to me and my family. He has healed us many times.

He healed me of a nervous condition, of indigestion and of low blood. I have been run down, but God healed me. I can't thank Him or praise Him enough. My little boy got his stomach burned with the iron; I prayed and asked God to heal him and now his burn is almost well.

God has healed me many times of many different ailments.

—Mrs. Josephine Piper

## God Hears and Answers

### Prayer

CALHOUN, Ga.—I would like to praise and thank God for His goodness and love to me. I asked Him a few days ago if He would heal me of a terrible hurting in my head, and promised I would send in a word of praise through the *Evangel*. It has been getting better, and I ask all Christians who read this to pray that I will be completely healed. Whey my baby was crying so much last spring, I prayed earnestly for God to help him and I know He did. I have much to thank God for.

—Mrs. O. E. McGlamery

## Delivered From Fear of Insanity

MAYODAN, N.C.—"I sought the Lord, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears," Psalm 34:4.

For many years I had a fear of insanity. This fear gripped me when I was undergoing a tremendous strain. I was reluctant to tell anyone about my condition. As time passed on, this fear grew worse, and it seemed I could not control it. My life was so tormented that I almost had a nervous breakdown. I felt many times that I could not go on in this condition. At times I feared almost everything. I dreaded the thought of being alone, for when I was alone the oppression of Satan was worse. The only relief I could get was to rebuke these fears in the name of Jesus. I was prayed for many times, but it seemed I could not get complete victory. The devil told me many times that I had been in this condition so long that there was not any hope for complete deliverance. About two years ago while in prayer, the Lord assured me that He would deliver me. I fasted one meal each day for about 2 months. After this I began to feel a change come over me. My fears began to vanish, and the oppression grew lighter. My sleep is so sweet now, after having had many restless nights when my body could not relax. I can never praise God enough for giving me such wonderful deliverance. I promised Him if He would deliver me I would send my testimony to the *Evangel*. Last summer the Lord marvelously healed me of gland fever. If you are in need of deliverance in any way, just remember that there is nothing too hard for the Lord.

—A sister in Christ

The aim of Christian education is to change people.—THE CHRISTIAN PARENT Magazine, Glen Ellyn, Illinois.





### Eisenhower Proclaims October 7 National Day of Prayer

Calling on Americans to "give thanks for the bounty of providence which has made possible the growth and promise of our land," President Eisenhower has proclaimed October 7 as a National Day of Prayer.

This is the eighth annual prayer day proclamation by the president since it was authorized by congressional resolution in 1952. Last year's observance, it is generally felt, was more widespread than in previous years, when the proclamation was usually greeted with enthusiastic comment but the event itself often marked with disinterest. President Eisenhower was reportedly discouraged by the lack of interest the first few years and considered passing up last year's proclamation, but then was encouraged by the interest and participation last year.

As in previous years, the Day of Prayer falls on the first Wednesday in October.

After a preamble reminding that "this continent was chosen by men and women of profound religious conviction, seeking a free land where they and their children might worship God and follow His commandments as they understood them," the actual text of the president's proclamation declared:

"Let us give thanks for the bounty of providence which has made possible the growth and promise of our land.

"Let us give thanks for the heritage of free inquiry, sound industry and boundless vision which have enabled us to advance the general welfare of our people to unprecedented heights.

"Let us remember that our God is the God of all men, that only as all men are free can liberty be secure for any, and that only as all prosper can any be content in their good fortune.

"Let us join in vigorous concern for those who now endure suffering of body, mind or spirit, and let us seek to relieve their distress and to assist them in their way toward health, well-being and en-

lightenment.

"Finally, let us rededicate ourselves and our nation to the highest loyalties which we know, and let us breathe deeply of the clear air of courage, preparing ourselves to meet the obligations of our day in trust, in gratitude and in the supreme confidence of men who have accomplished much united under God."

### Artificial Respiration: "New" Method Is Bible Method

All across the country, in newspaper and magazine articles . . . through public service advertising . . . in safety bulletins from civic and recreational organizations . . . the "new" method of artificial respiration was being proclaimed as this year's swimming season splashed merrily along.

The American National Red Cross had announced that it was abandoning pulmotors, manual respiration and other methods in favor of direct mouth-to-mouth breathing into the lungs of unconscious shock or drowning victims. It had earlier (1957) decided that the mouth-to-mouth method was better for infants and small children, and this year—in a supplement to the Red Cross First Aid Textbook—announced that it was recommending it for adults as well.

But the Red Cross quite honestly admitted that the "new" method was not exactly original with them. In fact, they pointed to the fact that this method is referred to in the Bible. In 2 Kings 4:34, 35, in the account of Elisha's reviving the Shunamite woman's child, the Bible states:

"And he went up, and lay upon the child, and put his mouth upon his mouth, and his eyes upon his eyes, and his hands upon his hands; and he stretched himself upon the child; and the flesh of the child waxed warm. Then he returned, and walked in the house to and fro; and went up, and stretched himself upon him: and the child sneezed seven times, and the child opened his eyes."

In using the Elisha-Red Cross method, a rescuer should:

1. Remove foreign matter from the mouth of the victim.
2. Tilt the victim's head back so that the jaw juts out.
3. Assume a position like Elisha's—placing his mouth over that of the victim, and either pinching the victim's nostrils shut or pressing them shut by his cheek. When it can be done, as in the case of small children, the rescuer should open his mouth wide enough to cover and seal both the nose and mouth of the victim. (EP)

### Indifference—Our Greatest Enemy

"A different world cannot be built by indifferent people" stated the late Peter Marshall, Chaplain of the United States Senate.

Indifference to God and His Word is the most dangerous attitude possible. This is evidenced through indifference to the Sunday School and church.

National Sunday School Week, September 27—October 4, has been set aside to alert America of the essentiality of our Christian institutions. None is so effective in reaching for Christ and training for Christ as the Sunday School.

Dr. Carl F. H. Henry, editor of *Christianity Today*, asks the question, "Shall We Dissolve the Sunday School?" He replies, "Either young people had better learn to read and appropriate the Bible from their earliest years, or they may be reading Russian and appropriating Marx. The alternatives are no less startling than this.

"The world is at a cross-roads of ultimates. The task of the Sunday School is to draw man compellingly to the crucified and risen Christ, to the Cross-Road that is decisive for man's destiny in eternity and for his dignity in time."

Help dispel indifference and ignorance in your community by observing National Sunday School Week in your church and Sunday School. Write for materials and information to National Sunday School Association, 542 South Dearborn Street, Chicago 5, Illinois.

### House Hears Prayer for Ike Mission

WASHINGTON (EP)—As President Eisenhower departed for his history-making trip to Europe, the House of Representatives paused on August 26 for special prayer.

The House chaplain, the Rev. Bernard Braskamp, prayed: "We are commending and committing our President to Thy gracious providence as he takes counsel with the leaders of the peace-loving nations."



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